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THEY LAUGH WHEN THEY SIT DOWN TO PLAY

Your magazine is definitely the preferred reading material as my piano students wait until it's their turn for a lesson. More than one returns to the couch after the lesson, to finish reading it before calling their Moms to come pick them up. I feel good about having it there for them to read. It's probably the most thought-provoking and truly intelligent reading material that most of them get to see all month.

Mary Ann Stewart Anchorage, Alaska

MAD OVERRATED-UNDERRATED BOOK

I thought "The MAD Overrated-Underrated Book" was underrated because it only went two pages! Kathy Sherman Mason, Ohio

Fay Wray is overrated, Jessica Lange is underrated. Steve Martin is overrated, Rodney Dangerfield is underrated. Margot Kidder is overrated, Michelle J. Caprara is underrated! Michelle J. Caprara Detroit, Michigan

On reporting National and International problems and commenting on them, *Time Magazine* is overrated, *MAD Magazine* is underrated.

Casey Hermanson Rapid City, S.D.

MAD is overrated, its readers are underrated! David O'Brien Oakland, N.J.

A MAD LOOK AT DOORS

"A MAD Look At Doors" was just "door-ling"! Jill Kramer Woodstock, N.Y.

"A MAD Look At Doors" was an open and shut case. Brian Smith Carney's Point, N.J.

THE MAD AD-MAN'S SAMPLER

Henry Clark's "The MAD Ad-Man's Sampler" is a letter-perfect article! Chris Eglinski

Avon Lake, Ohio

YELLOW PAGES THROUGH HISTORY

GReatly ENjoyed TOm KOch's "THe PAleolithic TElephone COmpany's YEllow PAges." HE IS To BE COmmended FOr HIs USe OF EXchange NAmes. OUR TElephone SErvice HAS BEEN VERY DUll SINCE THE DISappearance OF SUCH GReats AS: PLaza, MUrray HIII, LOcust, FIllmore, MUtual, PIlgrim, TRinity, ANd OF COurse THat ALI TIme CLassic FRom PHiladelphia: PEnnypacker! LOoking FOrward TO MOre YEllow PAges THrough HIstory ARticles.

Angus McIntyre Vancouver, B.C.

WHEN WOMEN TAKE OVER MOVIES

I enjoyed "When Women Take Over Movies Completely." It's about time someone realized that we're tired of seeing films like Annie Hall, Coming Home, Turning Point, and shows like Angie, One Day At A Time, and Laverne & Shirley. But I really get sick when they make Miss Piggy a star for simply being a female chauvinist pig! Jim Miller Sarnia, Ont.

MAD'S INGENIOUS PLAN FOR A MORE EFFICIENT GOVERNMENT

"MAD's Ingenious Plan For A More Efficient Government," along with dozens of related articles from past issues, proves that you guys are more qualified to run for public office than the clowns who are already there. Hint, hint.

Paul Absi Fitchburg, Mass.

Canada

SIBLING MISERY IS . . .

I just finished reading "Sibling Misery Is..." and I'd like to add an instance. How about when you try out for the Little League team and your little brother makes it instead?!

Scott Chankin Cherry Hill, N.J.

CHIMPs

Lou Silverstone seems to be the only MAD writer who actually watches the TV shows he satirizes. In his funny "CHiMPs" he really captures the flavor and the dialogue of the characters. Mort Drucker does the same with his characters, so how come you clods never team the two of them up?

John Rasch
Pittsfield, Mass.

I went "ape" over Torres's and Silverstone's "CHiMPs". MAD is what makes the world go 'round! Vern Panei Butler, Pa.

MARGINAL DOUBLE-VISION

Hey, what happened, guys? You repeated four "Marginals" in your December issue. I wouldn't mind, but Sergio Aragones's "Marginals" are the first things I look for every time. Don't don't make make any any silly silly mistakes mistakes like like that that again again!

> Craig Shelley Reseda, Calif.

Sometimes I read MAD instead of watching TV. But today I got 4 re-runs in one issue! Please check out your "Drawn-Out Dramas" on Pages 6 & 18, 7 & 19, 12 & 33, 10 & 22. And I thought that reading was an alternative to TV!

Charles Field Plantation, Fla.

You're disappointed?! Imagine how "MAD" Sergio Aragones is about the goof! We're making it up in this issue, however, with four additional marginals.—Ed.

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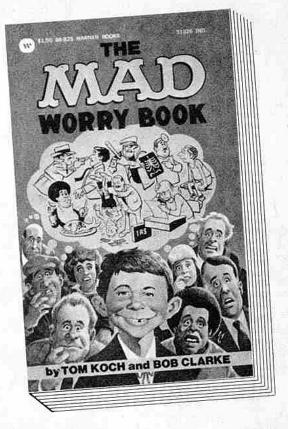


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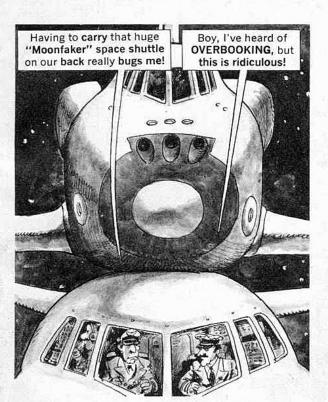


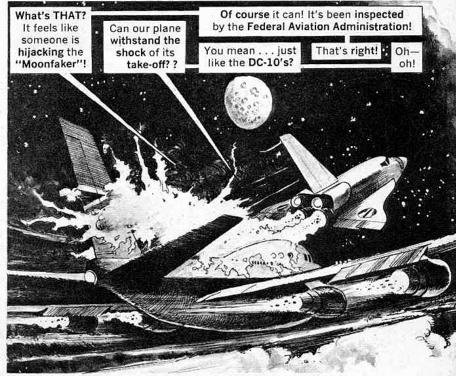


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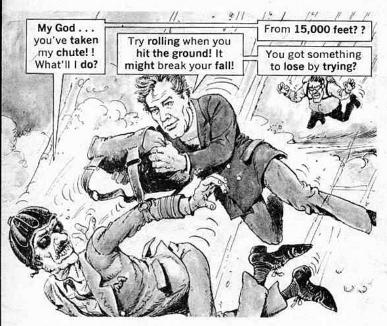




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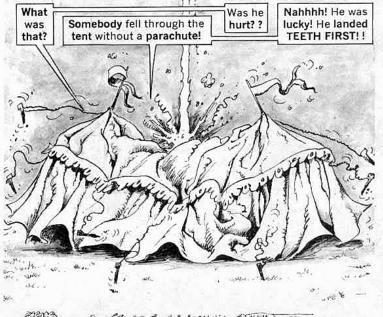
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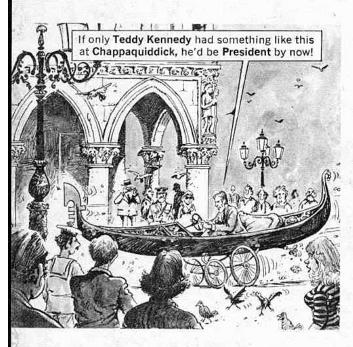


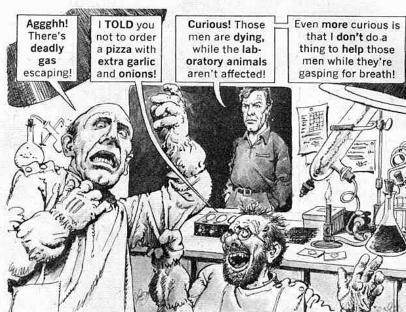






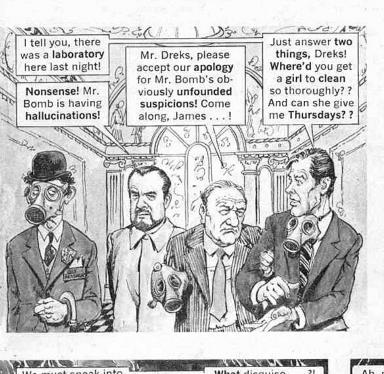






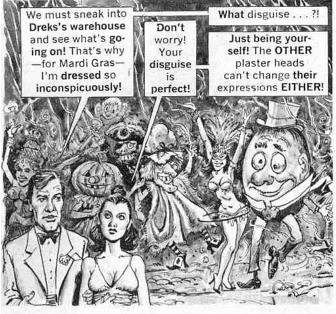


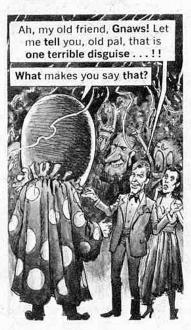






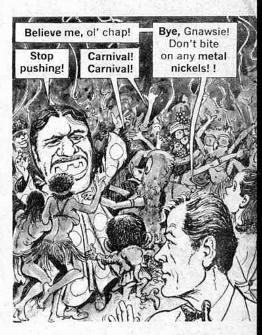
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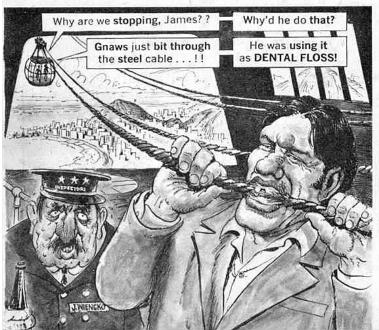
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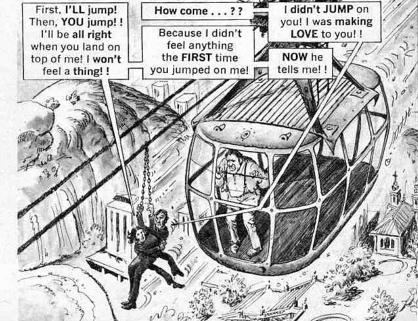
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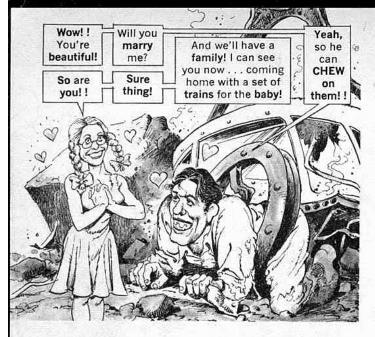


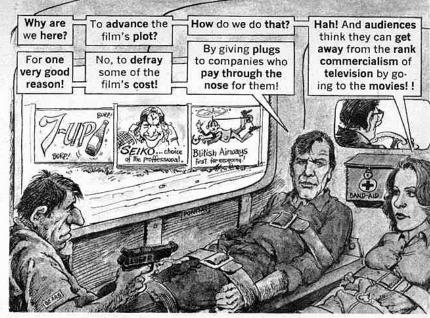
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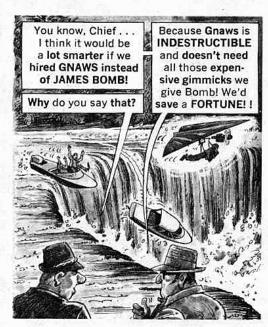


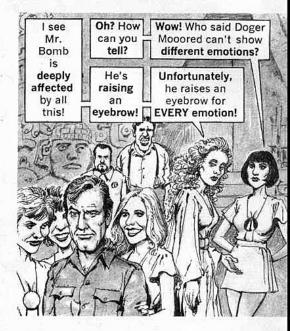




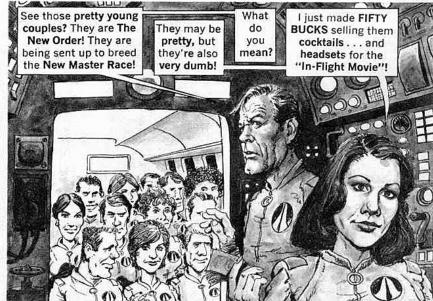




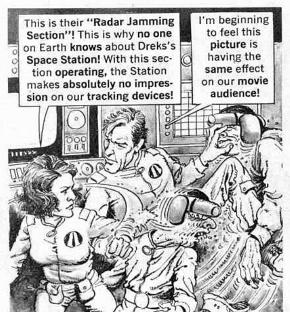














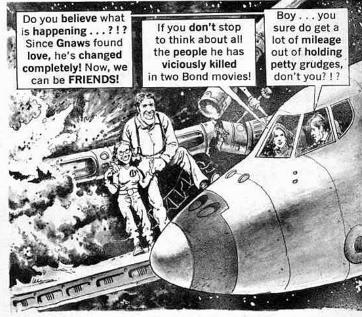
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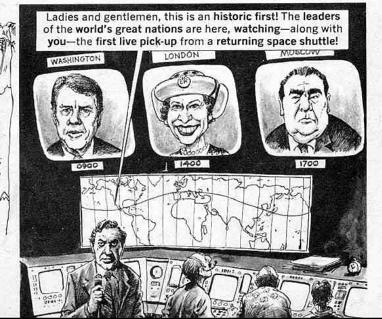
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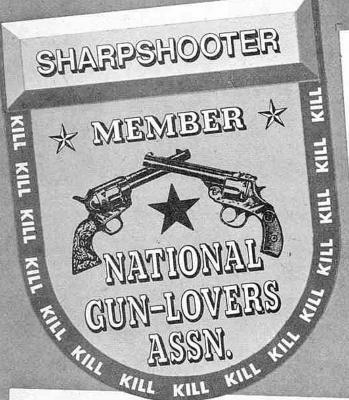




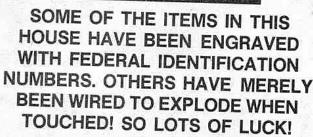


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Dear Thief:-We spent \$100 on our stereo set, and \$800 on our burglar alarm! The guy next door spent \$800 on his stereo set, and \$100 on his burglar alarm!

P.S. The guy across the street doesn't even have a burglar alarm!

THE HEAT IS OFF!! THERE'S NO HOTWATER! THE PHONE IS OUT!! THEBASEMENTIS FLOODED!

I'M JUST WAITING FOR THE NEXT A \$ 8 TO SETFOOTIN THIS HOUSE!

Dear Mailman,

We found bloodstains all over our mail. They must be yours. Next time you put the mail into our slot, please be sure to keep all parts of your body well clear of the opening. The Lipkins

P.S. Any sign of that book we sent for: "The Care And Feeding Of Wild Jungle Cats"?



FORMS OF SECURITY SYSTEMS TO DISCOURAGE THEFTS WHEN ALL YOU NEED ARE MAD'S

ERRENTS FOR THE WARY HOME OR APARTMENT DWELLER

WRITER: DICK DE BARTOLO



Lobel Butchers:
Starting tomorrow, please
Starting tomorrow, please
leave Eight pounds of Meat
for Brutus, Six pounds only
for Brutus, Six pounds only
makes him Angry and Vicious!
Mr. & Mrs. Angel

DEAR MR. EXTERMINATOR:

BE VERY CAREFUL WHEN
YOU GO INSIDE! THE
TERMITES HAVE EATEN
THROUGH MOST OF THE
FLOORBOARDS, AND
YOU WILL FALL INTO
THE BASEMENT WHERE
ALL THE RATS ARE!
THE GLUMBACHERS—

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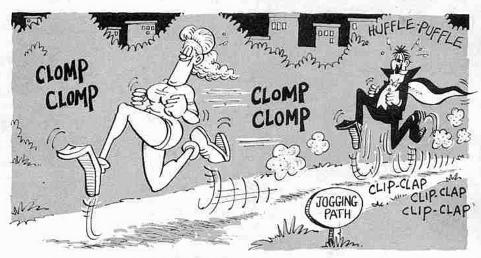


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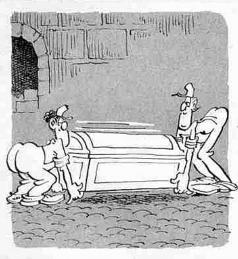












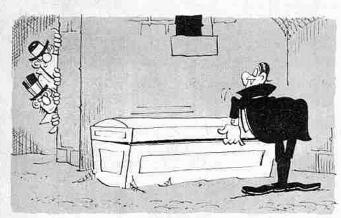














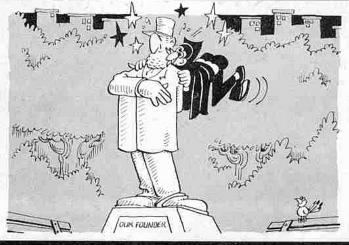




















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If you've ever watched TV on a Sunday morning, you know what you get . . . NOT "Tom and Jerry" or "The Flintstones!" No, you get religious programs! And not only the regular religious programs, but also the "hucksters of religion," who are the hardest-sell people around! Hi, I'm Mike Malice, and today we're going to explore this interesting aspect of the "Religious Revival" in the United States as we interview

MAD'S "RELIGION" PROMOTER OF THE YEAR



God bless you, Mike, and God bless your wonderful readers!

I'd like to ask some questions-

And God bless your questions! Welcome to "The Temple Of My Fervent Hope"!

And just what IS your fervent hope?

That no one finds out I took kickbacks from contractors and building trade unions!

I love this tabernacle! The marble cost a cool mil! The stained glass went for 800 thou! You can just feel this is a House of God, right?

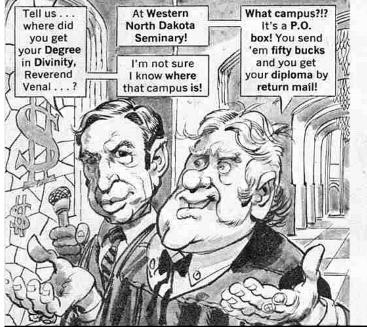
I'm not sure! Didn't God tell us to forsake all worldly wealth?!?

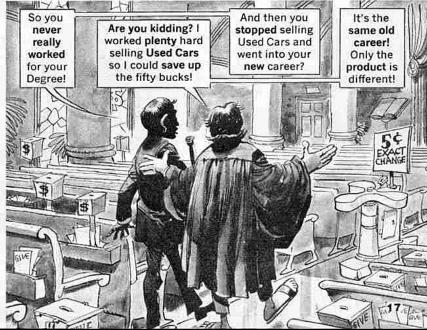
He DID?!? Then He must have said it before He created money!!



ARTIST: JACK DAVIS

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How
did
all
this
get
started,
Reverend
Venal?

It was an Act of God! It was His Will that I happened to be having a Bloody Mary in a cocktail lounge when I overheard something that changed my life! What was that?

A well-known millionaire talking about his sinful extra-marital affairs! And you saved him by showing him the true path . . . ?

No, I saved him by not telling his Wife! He became my largest contributor! This is one of my most important wings! Let's talk low so we don't disturb them!

Are they praying?

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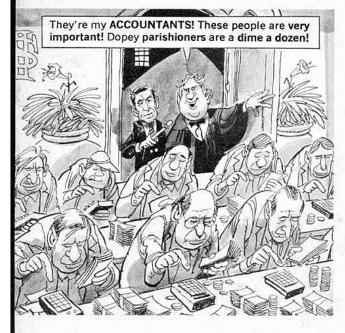
You bet! They're praying that the Internal Revenue Service doesn't audit my books!

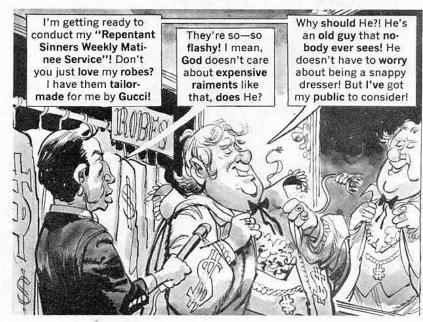
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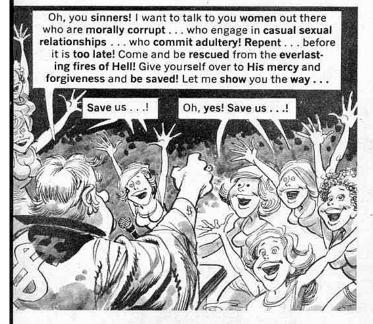
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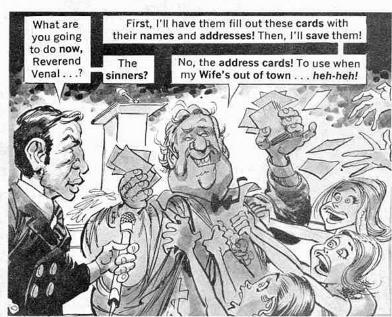


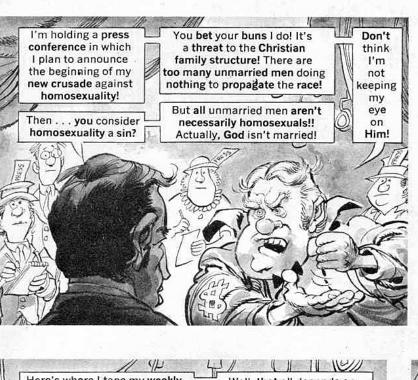


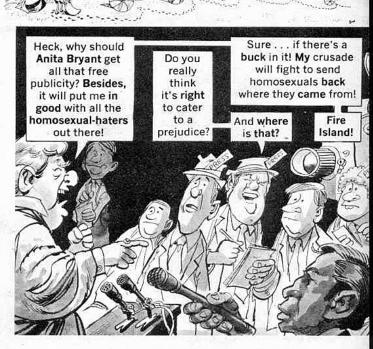


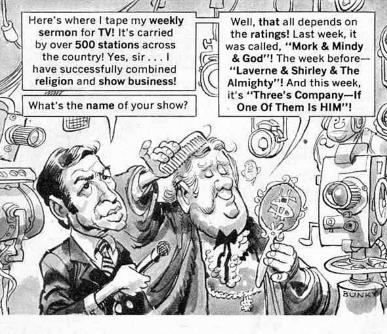


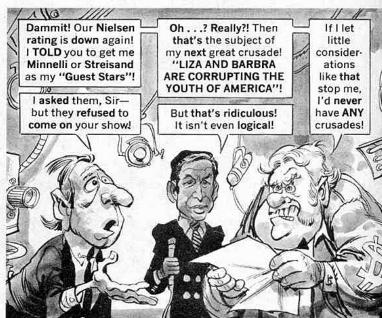


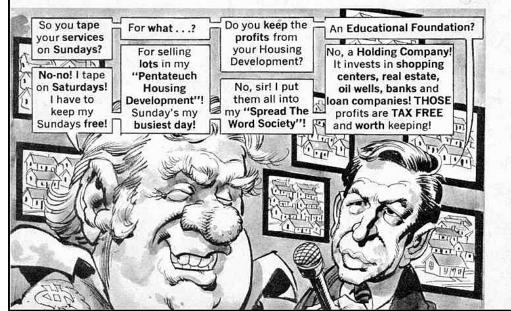


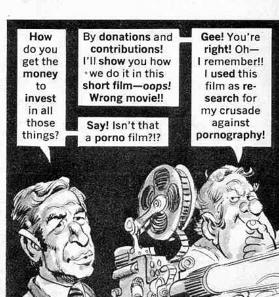




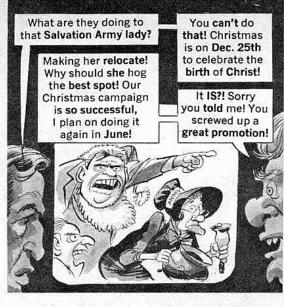


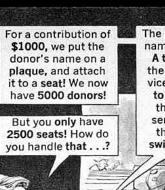






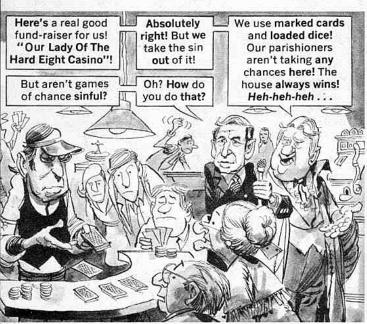




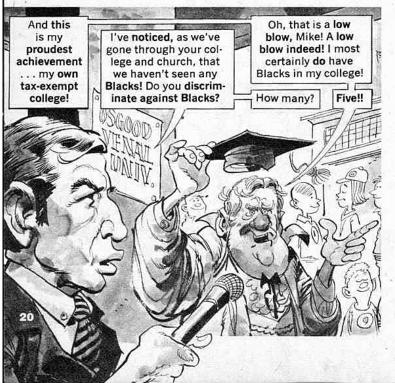


The people whose names begin with A to K come to the morning service! And the L's to Z's come to the afternoon service! During the break, we switch plaques!!

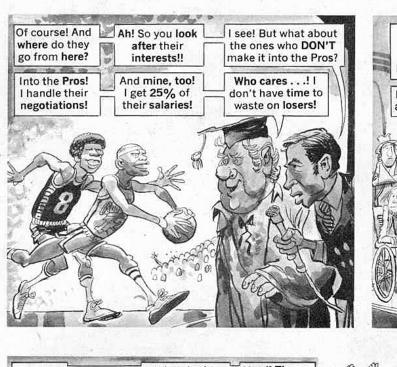






















Mike, when a person like me has everything, he gets to thinking: I believe my greatest joy would be to share what I have with others...

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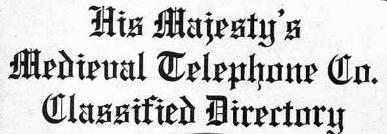
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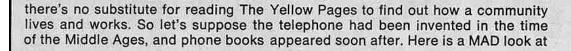
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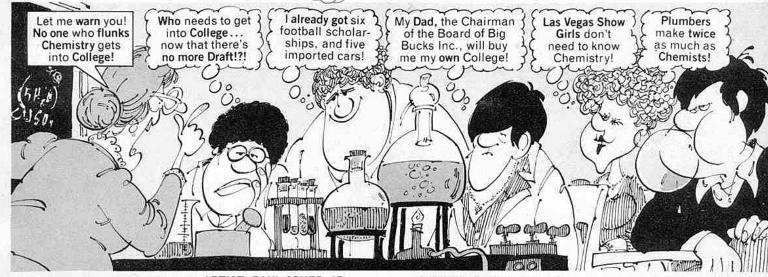
Today, after singing our Company Song, we are going to try to sell our five millionth portion of "Creamed Chicken On A Sesame Seed Muffin"! So go out there and put on a great show! Ready?

This is a heckuva way to break into Show Business! The word
"chicken"
ALONE
makes me
sick!

Someday, I'll have me my own chain of "Chitlins an' Ribs" stands! Gee, I sure hope my blood test comes back "Negative"! I wonder if this Creamed Chicken is what's giving me my acne!

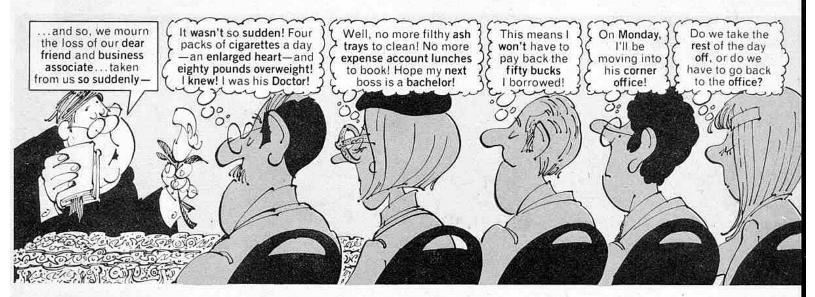
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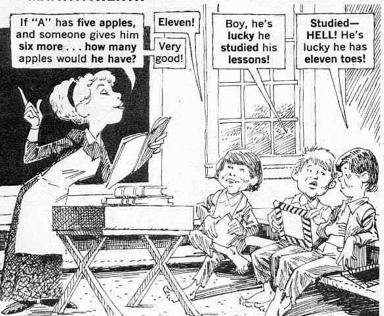
Several times in past issues, we've explored the changes that have taken place in our educational system. Among other things, we've seen how attitudes, dress and the life-styles of students have changed over the decades. Now, here is . . .

A MAD LOOK AT THE CHANGING TOOLS OF EDUCATION

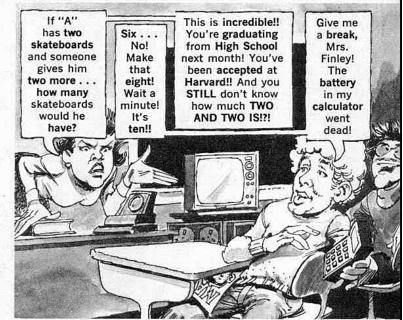
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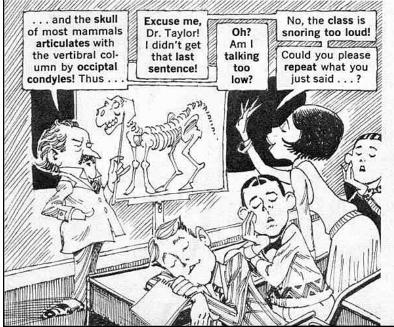
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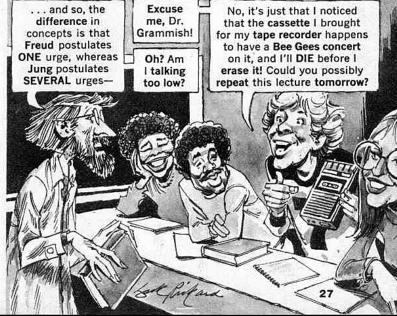
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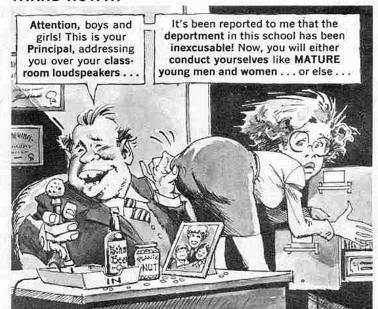


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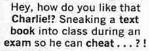
Boys and girls, as Principal, I've called this assembly to say that the deportment in this school lately has been abominable! I've learned that students have been stealing books and pens and gym shoes and lunch money and supplies . . .



...AND NOW...



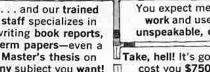
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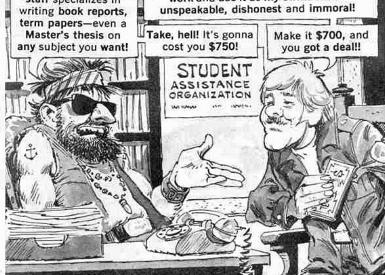
I think it's disgusting! Look, idiot! Stop pointing at him like that! I can't read your answer to the last question!



...AND NOW...



You expect me to take someone else's work and use it as my own?! That's



LANGUAGE CLASS...THEN...

Please conjugate the present tense singular of the verb "être" for us, Philip . . .

Je suis . . . tu es . . .

Trés bien, Philip! Remember, class . . . unlike Latin, French is a living language! It's alive today .

Hmmph! If it's alive like her, I give them both another



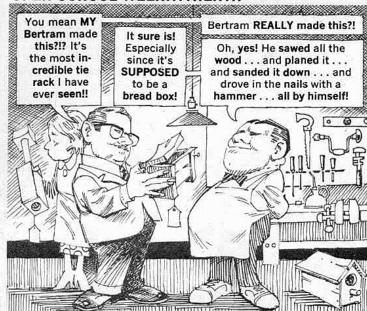
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, nous avons , vous avez . . . ils ont . . . elles ont! And that's how we conjugate the Unlike Latin, French today is alive and vital! Yes, we can safely say French is a living language

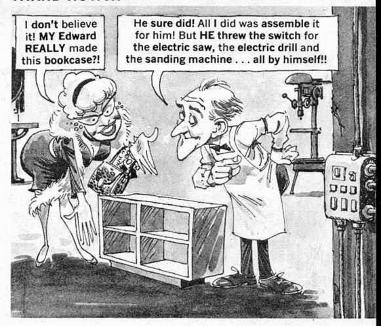
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OPEN SCHOOL WEEK...THEN...



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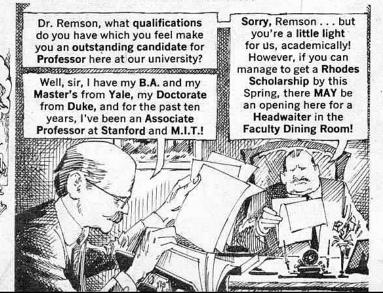
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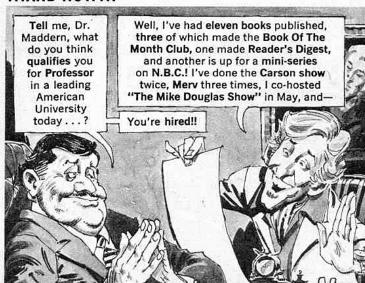
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And you know how many people's opinions the Nielsen Ratings are based on? !? Only TWELVE HUNDRED!! A show can live or die on what those few people think! What about the REST of the two hundred and fifty million people in this country?!



NOBODY ever asked ME what I thought of "The Myrna



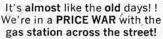
Okay, I'LL ask you! What did

YOU think of

IT STUNK!!







Are you kidding?!
At a time of gas
shortages . . . ??

That makes the competition even fiercer!

So who's winning! Right now, WE are!! OUR prices are HIGHER!!







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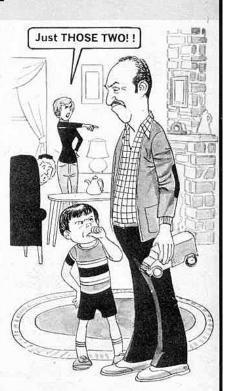
I've got a classic rivalry going on in my home! The little one and the big one are BOTH constantly competing for my attention! The big one is the worst!
He's jealous of the little
one! He pulls all sorts of
tricks to beat him out! He
even throws temper tantrums!

I'm going out of my MIND!! How many children do you have in your family?











Oh, yeah?! I'll make you a bet, wise guy!!

Hey, Dad! Bernard says his Father can beat the hell out of you!

He DID, did he?!? Well, we'll SEE about that!

Hey, Kaputnik! Your kid says you can wipe up the floor with me! Put up your dukes!!

Oh, yeah?! I'll make you a bet, wise guy!







Oy! My dentures are killing me!

You think YOU'VE got troubles? My arthritis is so bad, it's agony to move around!



My feet hurt if I walk just a couple of blocks!

Is that so? ! What do YOU know about hurt?! I know about hurt!! My back is so painful, it's a miracle I'm STILL ALIVE!!



I can't stand that woman! All she ever does is complain about her ailments!



Yeah, but HERS are always BETTER than mine!!!



My Son is a Law Student in an Ivy League College! It's costing me a FORTUNE!





Big Deal! ! My Son is a MEDICAL Student in an Ivy League College! It's costing ME a fortune!



Hah! ! You think THAT'S something! ! My Son is a School DROP-OUT! He's got a nine-to-five job with a Petroleum Company!



So . . what's to brag about?!





I went to apply for a job today, and hundreds of others showed up! We had to fill out a questionnaire and submit a resume! When I saw what the others were putting down, I knew I was under-qualified!



So I lied like hell! I filled pages and pages with things I never really did! It was a magnificent piece of fiction!

So did you get the job?







I was OVER-qualified!!



I can remember being taught, "It matters NOT if you WIN or LOSE, but HOW you play the game!"

That's sissy talk! Vince Lombardi said, "Winning isn't everything . . . it's the ONLY thing!!"



How can

you SAY

that?!?

THAT'S why I show my opponent NO MERCY! I'm out to MURDER THE BUM!!





It's not fair!! Mommy loves YOU more than she loves ME!! I wish
it was
true, but
it ain't!



Mommy, don't you love FREDDY more than you love ME!?



My children are like fingers on my hand! If I bang my thumb, it hurts as much as if I bang my pinky! And I feel the same way about the two of you!



You BOTH give me a pain!!



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Why restrict the awarding of medals to the military? After all, Civilians perform heroic acts while fighting life's daily battles as well! Let's recognize them with

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THE JOB-EFFICIENCY MEDAL



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Goes to white collar workers who create fringe benefits by using company supplies and services, and by taking home anything that isn't nailed down. These are lots better than pay raises, since no taxes are collected on them.





Awarded to salespersons who bravely face suckers who come into the store for advertised bargains that do not exist, and manage to switch them into buying costlier but inferior products, thereby boosting our entire economy.

THE UNION MEDAL OF HONOR



Presented to workers who blindly respond and heroically serve on picket lines without questioning the issues, the motives or anything else involved in strike situations, just as long as it means more money in their pockets.

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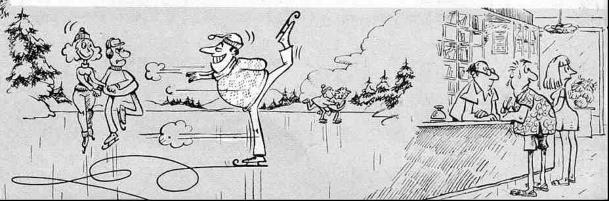
Between the time your parents first send you off to the Hilly Acres Summer Camp and the time your children last send you off to the Holy Acres Cemetery, you are sure to encounter a type of brash, brassy, brazen, braying braggart known as a Show-Off. Most people hate Show-Offs with the same passion that they hate tornadoes. This is because both phenomena make entirely too much noise, are filled with hot air, spin around on their own axis, always arrive without warning and never leave as soon as you wish they would.

he typical latent Show-Off will first display symptoms of his disturbance in early childhood when he can be observed committing such small, tell-tale acts as hanging by his heels from the school auditorium balcony, or eating crayons during the pledge to the flag, or taking off his clothes to play doctor when everyone else is playing softball, or bloodying your nose for the viewing pleasure of the new girl in class. With luck, he will cease this idiotic behavior as he matures. Without luck, he will grow up to become another Jimmy Connors.

mong those who never outgrow the scourge of Show-Offishness, specimens can be found in every color, race and creed. There are Black Show-Offs who wear garish jewelry, drive pink Continentals and habitually shout, "Hey! What's happening?" There are Latin Show-Offs who buy imitation velvet wallpaper, drive chrome-plated Chevvies and spray paint their names on public buildings. There are Indian Show-Offs who wear phony buckskin, beat on phony tom-toms and stage sit-in protests for the sole purpose of having them seen on the six o'clock news. Then, too, there are White Show-Offs. But all they do is wear garish jewelry, spray paint their names on public buildings, drive pink Continentals, stage sit-in protests and shout, "Hey! What's happening?" during such events as symphonic concerts, graveside ceremonies and High Masses conducted by the Pope.

hough modern society is tragically overburdened with Acute Flashers, Addicted Flaunters and Assorted Flakes, it's still easy to spot a true Show-Off in any crowd. He's the one who carries a bullhorn to cocktail parties so everyone in the room will have to listen to his jokes. He's the one who brings his own magazines to the doctor's waiting room so the other patients will know he reads "Gentlemen's Quarterly." And he's the one who always orders in French, even at McDonald's . . . where he's also the one who demands to see the manager because the place doesn't have an adequate wine list.

ithout question, a Show-Off is a unique form of humanity. Who else would run 99 yards in the Super Bowl, and then get tackled on the one-yard line because that's where he stopped to pose for photographers? Who else would toil for years to build a profitable business just so he can do his own TV commercials? Who else would "burn rubber" to accelerate from zero-to-sixty in nine seconds when he's only driving to the corner for a quart of milk? And who else would have custom Christmas cards printed just so everyone can see how cute he looks in his Santa Claus suit?



SHOW OFF?

how-Offs have a knack for upsetting everyone around them as they splash their way through the puddle of life. They debilitate their parents, nauseate their teachers and alienate their classmates before moving on to adulthood where they irritate their employers and infuriate their co-workers. About the only positive thing a Show-Off ever does is stimulate the economy. After all, if there were no Show-Offs in this world, then who would buy all the purple satin bowling shirts and artificial home waterfalls and iridescently painted dune buggies and strapless, backless, almost frontless evening gowns?

ne thing you have to admire about a Show-Off is his dedication. Throughout his whole life, he'll do absolutely anything to make people notice him. At the age of ten, he'll risk violent nausea to be seen chewing a mouthful of his father's pipe tobacco. At 30, he'll risk total unemployment to entertain the secretaries with his impersonation of the boss's annoying sinus sniffle. At 50, he'll risk painful back injury to bend his partner into a flamboyant "dip" at the Country Club Dance. And at 80, he'll risk terminal pneumonia to get his picture in the paper going for a swim on the coldest day of the year.

n a way, it's a pity on the incorrigible, incurable, insufferable Show-Off, for under all that swinish swagger, he often harbors positive qualities that have never been developed. Deep down inside, there may well exist the Self-Effacing Humility of Muhammad Ali, the Tranquil Introspection of Bella Abzug, the Noble Constraint of Idi Amin, the Blushing Modesty of Charro, the Unpretentious Charm of Ivan the Terrible and the Studious Reserve of Popeye the Sailor.

o doubt about it. At the core of his being, a Show-Off is much more than just another over-amplified guitar twanger modeling a wardrobe made up of discarded seat covers from a Tijuana taxi. He is also Thoughtful Consideration blowing smoke from a cheap cigar, Sound Judgment singing dirty fraternity songs at an All-Campus Convocation, Quiet Dependability doing wheelies on a stolen motorcycle, a Firm Handshake clutching a concealed joy buzzer, Somber Reflection wearing a lampshade on his head and the Face of Maturity bathed in eerie light from the glow of his own electrified bow tie.

how-Offs rarely choose to spend their lives as bodyguards for the President or bookkeepers for the Syndicate or consultants for a Swiss bank. More often, they prefer careers as professional skywriters or televised faith healers or Marine Band drum majors. But even when a Show-Off accidentally winds up in some anonymous job like Top Secret Under-Cover Agent, he never really loses his lifelong craving to step into the spotlight. And you can bet that someday, when he's receiving blueprints in the shadow of the Berlin Wall or exchanging microfilm in the silence of the Peking Library, he will blow his cover by impulsively blurting out the familiar cry of the born Show-Off:

"HEY, EVERYBODY! LOOK AT ME!"





FLEECE MARKET DEPARTMENT

Americans are bemoaning the fact that the Arabs are overcharging us for their oil, and then adding insult to injury by bringing the money back here to buy up most of desireable real estate and our most precious art treasures. So MAD asks: Why don't we do something about it? With our famed Yankee ingenuity, we should be able to con-

SURPLUS ITEMS WE CA

OUR SURPLUS POLYESTER LEISURE SUITS



When the Great American Leisure Suit Fad went blooey a few years ago, merchants were stuck with hundreds of thousands of unsold garments, mostly in loud colors and portly sizes. (It's even possible that the New Orleans Superdome had to be built for the sole purpose of storing away left-over leisure suits that didn't fit into other warehouses!) The Arabs are natural customers for this vast accumulation . . . especially since most of them are portly, but only a few of them have mirrors to see how idiodic they look in them.

OUR PERPETUAL SUPPLY OF RASPBERRY SHERBERT



Americans obviously nate raspoerry sherbet, as evidenced by the fact that restaurants always have plenty left, even after they've run out of every other dessert on the menu. Meanwhile, Arabs and their camels go around with notoriously rotten dispositions because they're sweaty, thirsty and have their throats filled with hot, scratchy sand. Sending them our tons of unwanted raspberry sherbet will make everyone happy, including owners of oil tankers that currently carry no cargo on their return trips to the Middle East.

"GREATEST TUNES OF THE JOHNNY MANN SINGERS"



Couple the fact that Arabs are the world's most dedicated skeet shooters with the fact that unsalable LP phonograph records make terrific clay pigeons, and a new method of bolstering the U.S. economy quickly appears. Best of all, scientists predict that we'll keep replenishing our stockpile of unsaleable records as long as we need Arab oil. It is only a suggestion that we begin this export trade with "Johnny Mann" records. We could probably do just as well with some of the less popular selections of Johnny Desmond, Tony Martin, Jerry Vale, Buddy Greco, Al Martino, Rosemary Clooney, Dorothy Collins, Julie London and Tommy Leonetti.

NORTH DAKOTA



North Dakota is a good example of the type of Real Estate we should be trying harder to palm off on Middle Eastern investors. After all, it's the only state in the U.S. that has been losing population steadily for 50 years because its residents want to get away from the cold. On the other hand, Arabs have no place to go where they can get away from the heat. Surely they would pay \$10,000 an acre for a cool resort area with a nice northerly breeze. Considering the size of North Dakota, that adds up to enough cash to keep us well supplied with Arab oil for several months.

vince those Middle Eastern oil billionaires that they really ought to spend their U.S. dollars on the very items we'd love to unload. Employing this "hard sell" technique, we could soon get our money back without giving up a single thing that we'd prefer to keep. MAD shows how painlessly we could balance our trade deficit with . . .



N SELL TO THE ARABS

ARTIST: HARRY NORTH, ESG

WRITER: TOM KOCH

THE PHILADELPHIA '76 ERS



Most everyone in this country, including absolutely everybody in Philadelphia, is fed up with these hotshots for never learning to play together as a team. But think what a sensation they'd be in Kuwait, where nobody knows what a basketball team is supposed to do anyway. Add to this the snob appeal of having the only N.B.A. franchise east of Boston (or west of Seattle, if you're going the other way), and the result is a multi-million-dollar bargain that any oil rich Arab country would rush to grab, given the chance.

FIVE MILLION HOMELESS KITTENS



It's common knowledge among those of even marginal intelligence that the U.S. has a huge supply of unwanted kittens. But how many have considered the equally common knowledge that the whole Arab world is one gigantic mound of Kitty Litter? Surely this means that any oil rich country would willingly pay ten bucks a kitten to get its sand kicked up and rearranged as only an industrious American cat can do.

CANCELLED TV SHOWS



To squeeze some really big money out of cancelled American TV shows, we mustn't merely sell the Arabs our old filmed episodes to re-run. Instead, we should unload the whole works, including all the sets, props and costumes needed to produce completely new episodes in Arabic. "Baretta," "Police Woman," "Kojak," etc. seem like perfect shows for such a deal because there's no Arabian P.T.A. to complain about the effects of TV violence on children. In fact, there are indications that many Arab children are already violent, and that their parents want to keep them that way.

CHICKEN TAKE-OUT FRANCHISES



At the present time, Kentucky fried chicken restaurants are about as rare in Arabia as Arabian restaurants are in Kentucky. Clearly, this presents U.S. promoters with the opportunity to start blanketing the Middle East with their expensive franchises for foul fowl take-out joints. This might require some typical Yankee ingenuity in parts of the Arab World that have very few chickens. However, by adding just a little bit more breading to the gook that's normally slathered on each piece, a fried Arabian buzzard should look enough like a domestic chicken to fool anyone.

HARDY CRAB GRASS SEEDLINGS



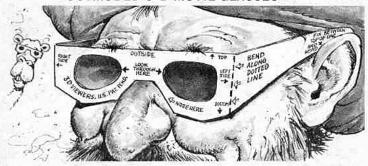
What clod could actually be conned into paying good money for crab grass? To answer that question, just check out the "lawn" in front of any Arab home located more than ten miles from the nearest water hole. Out there, owning any form of plant life that refuses to die has great snob appeal. Best of all, sales of U.S. crab grass would quickly lead to sales of U.S. lawn mowers to a part of the world where the demand for them hasn't been too brisk up to now.

SPOKANE'S WORLD'S FAIR SITE



In 1974. Spokane, Washington held one of the most unpublicized World's Fairs in history. Now that it's over, the exhibit buildings are even more vacant than they were when the Fair was open. However, the deserted site should prove irresistible to the Arabs who've never held a World's Fair of their own. Hopefully, they won't realize until it's too late that they either have to hold their Fair in Spokane, or figure out a way to move the fairgrounds over to Arabia.

OUTMODED 3-D MOVIE GLASSES



Sad to say, many Bedouin tribesmen have never owned a pair of sun glasses, even though they live in a country where eye diseases caused by glare and blowing sand are common. Equally sad to say, U.S. industry has a fortune tied up in tacky colored glasses that were made for watching the 3-D movies that flopped so horribly a few years back. Surely, it would be a lovely gesture for us to let the Arabs have those cheap glasses at a price they can afford, especially since the price they can afford is now about \$25 a pair.

DEFUNCT TRADING STAMPS



It is tragic to think that four independent Persian Gulf Sheikdoms still do not have their own postage stamps, just when four U.S. Trading Stamp Companies have coincidentally gone bankrupt. It is even more tragic to think that we're too dumb to sell our worthless, left-over trading stamps to the rich Arabs who need them desperately for postage stamps. Unfortunately, any Persian Gulf resident who took the time to steam 15,000 stamps off his mail could legally bring them to this country and redeem them for a toaster, but that's a problem we can face when we come to it.

JIMMY CONNORS AND ILIE NASTASE



No team representing a Middle Eastern country has ever won a Davis Cup. Presumably, this means that the Arabs would take any sort of desperate measure to win one, including the costly rental or outright purchase of Jimmy Connors and Ilie Nastase. True, Ilie Nastase is not really ours to sell, since he's technically a Roumanian . . . but let's face it: If we can find a way to get rid of him and Jimmy Connors for keeps, who's going to lift a finger to stop us?

BANKRUPT STOCKBROKERS' EQUIPMENT



During the last stock market debacle, many U.S. brokerage houses went out of business. Presumably, their electronic price quoting machines were all stored in closets and are now considered to be worthless. However, with rich Arabs owning morestocks in American companies than Americans do, they need these quote machines to follow their investments. Eventually, this could also lead to the sale of upper story office windows to desert tribesmen who presently lack high places to jump from when the next stock market crash occurs.

CYCLAMATE COLA



Soft drinks containing cyclamates were pulled off shelves in the U.S. after doctors reported that they caused cancer in rats. Fortunately for our new Middle Eastern export business, these doctors didn't offer one shred of proof that cyclamates cause cancer in camels, sheep, goats or donkeys. Since these are the only forms of animal life known to exist in Arabia, there's no medical or moral reason why we shouldn't ship them our surplus supply of cyclamate cola.

MERV GRIFFIN



Merv's slyly snickered "naughty jokes" would probably be considered sensational material in those parts of the Arab World where women still wear sacks over their heads when they go out in public. To assure Merv of being a hit over there, it might be better to sell him as part of a multimillion-dollar package deal that would also include Robert Goulet, the Lennon Sisters and Paul Anka. For the good of our country, we would have to learn to live without them.

INCOMPETENT TV WEATHERMEN



For years, these dimwits have garbled up weather forecasts on every TV News show from one end of America to the other. As a result, we alternate between wearing our galoshes when it's fair and getting drenched when an unpredicted hurricane strikes. Obviously, these jerks would do less damage if we exported them all to Arabia, where the weather has been the same every day for the past century. Just teach them to say, "Fair . . . and continued hot!" in Arabic, and they'll be adequately prepared for their new assignments.

EGG TIMER GLASS



Although the Arabs haven't realized it yet, oil is not the only natural resource they have that's ripe for worldwide exploitation. They also have sand. As those of us in more technologically advanced countries know, sand is the ideal substance for filling egg timers. But, without U.S. glass to hold the sand, the Arabs have a rather slim chance of cornering the world egg timer market. So it doesn't take a genius to see that this one item alone could help balance our entire trade deficit with the oil producing countries.

SHAMEFUL FOOTBALL LETTER SWEATERS



It's traditional for American Universities to present letter sweaters to members of their varsity football squads. It's equally traditional for athletes who play at schools with crummy teams to hide their sweaters away, and seldom wear them in public. This seems like a terrible waste . . . especially since the potential Arab buyers of these letter sweaters need never know that such initials as "N" and "V" and "S" actually stand for such shameful and embarrassing words as "Northwestern" and "Vanderbilt" and "Syracuse."

DISCARDED CHRISTMAS TREES



Most Americans assume that nothing presents a more unpleasant sight than those old dried-out Christmas trees that we throw out right after the holidays. However, we never stop to think that Arabs living in the desert don't even know what a healthy tree is supposed to look like. Upshot: We miss a great chance to sell millions of dead trees every January, and the Arabs miss a great chance to stick them all in the ground and create their first National Forest.



A ROLLING STALLONE GATHERS MORE GROSS DEPT.

Remember not too long ago when rotten people were the heroes of American movies? Amoral guys like motorcycle riders and fat, boozy, middle-aged guys who gunned down teenagers? Then, a few years back, along came a Boxer named "Rocky," and everything changed! Suddenly, as in the glorious films of the past, the average movie-goer found things in "Rocky" that he could really identify with: decency, honesty, stupidity! Anyway, the picture made over 50 million dollars, and suddenly the studio found something it could identify with: greed! So it made a sequel! Well, we did our version of the original movie in MAD #194 . . . and being just as greedy, we've made a sequel version of the sequel. Get ready for . . .







I never stopped believing in you, Rockhead! Not for a single moment! I always knew you were going to be pounded into a bloody pulp! l'm glad l din't let you down!



ARTIST: ANGELO TORRES

I bet I look disgusting! I bet the sight of my face an' ears makes you sick . . . right?

Look . . . when you love somebody, you love a WHOLE PERSON! The last thing I think about is your face and your ears! Now, stop being so sensitive! When you're feeling better, I'm going to cook you a nice homemade meal!

Like what??

How about some chopped meat and cauliflower —Whoops!!

Okay . . .

on one

condition!

You gotta promise

me it won't

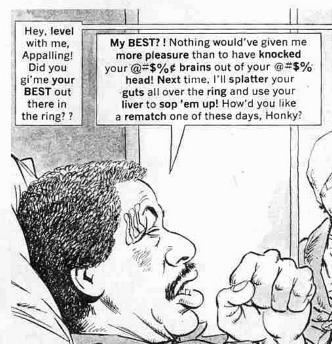
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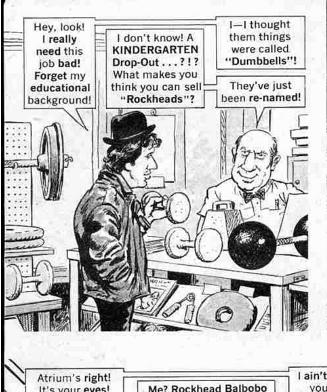


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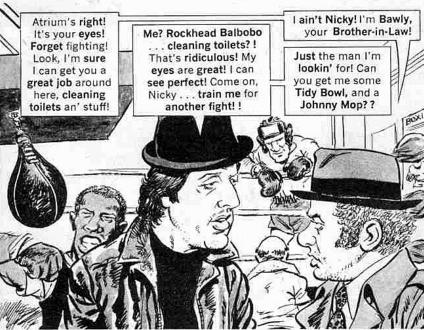






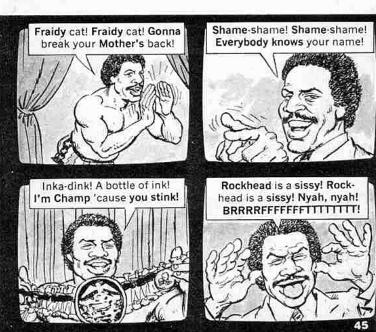
















Does

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Pant-pant . . . C'mon,

Nicky, gi'me a break!

Cough . . . gasp . . . Can't

We gotta build

up your stamina!

If you can catch

a chicken, then

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is it?!

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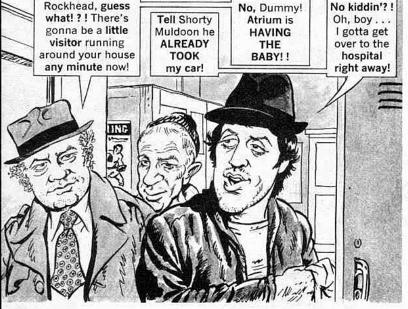
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turtle,

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can live





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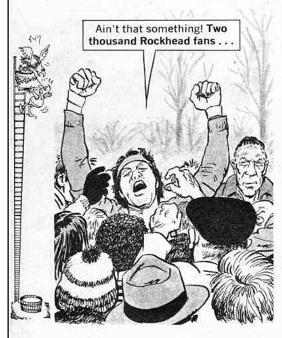




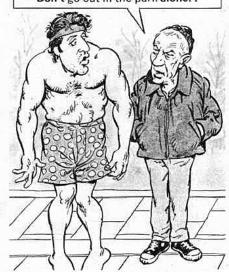


GOTTA RUN, NOW...LIKE J. ROCKHEAD ONE, NOW...





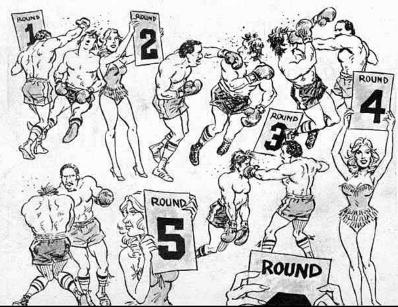
You mean two thousand Philadelphia muggers!! I told you a million times: Don't go out in the park alone!!



I got bad news-and good news Well, for you, turkey! When the bell this rings, I'm gonna bust your face is it, wide open and knock you clear Champ! out of the ring so you land The right on top of Howard Cosell!! big

Yeah? What's the bad news?





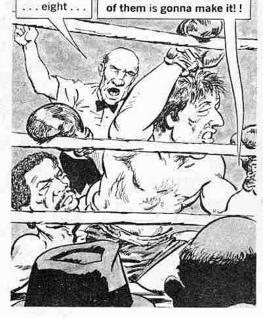
C'mon, Rockhead! Junior and I are rooting for you C'mon!!

It's Round 7 coming up, and you haven't laid a glove on him! You gotta land a punch in that ring! Just one punch to

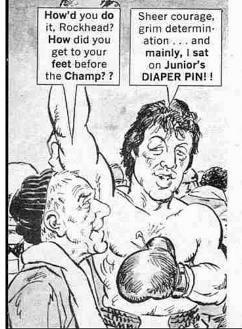
get your confidence back! You hear me? One punch!!















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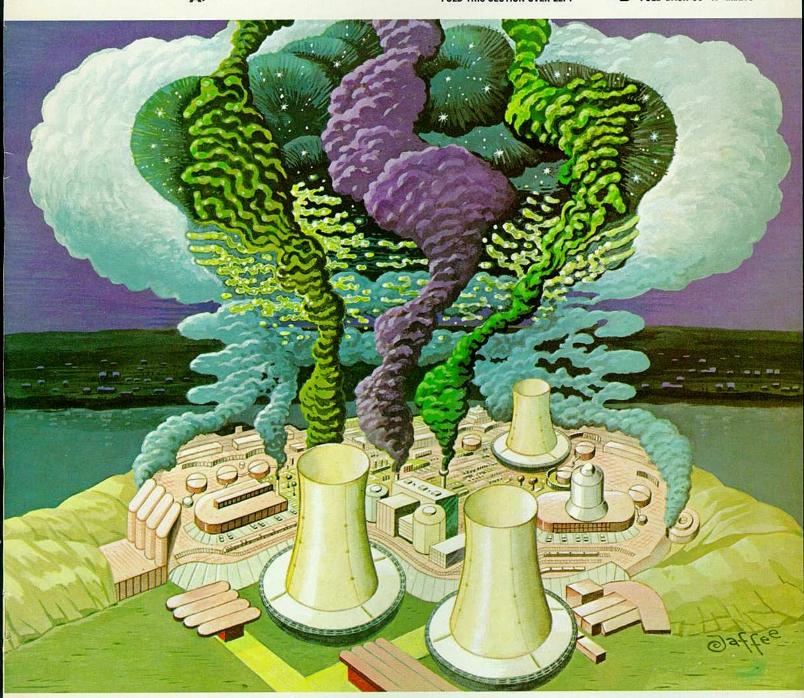
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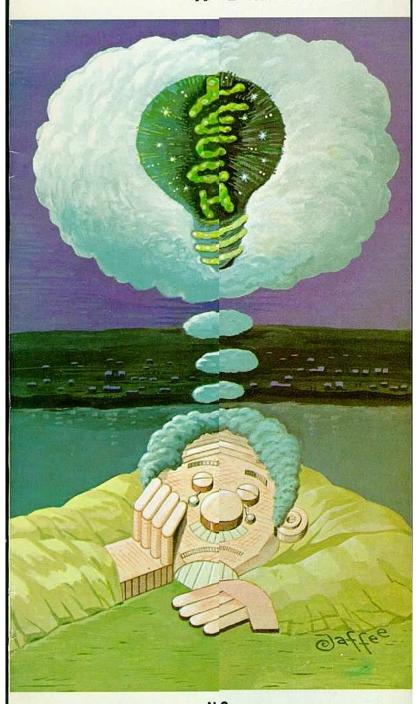
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NUCLEAR SCARES ARE WITH US...AND WE ALL HAVE TO FACE IT. ALL OVER THE WORLD, PEOPLE ARE BUSY HOLD-ING MEETINGS SO THEY CAN QUICKLY PINPOINT AND IDENTIFY ANY POSSIBLE THREAT TO THEIR LIVING AREA!

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ARTIST & WRITER:

NO FOLD-IN IDEA! A► ◆B

